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Subject: FW: Urgent: Gov Lewis Gila River Indian Community ltr response_.docx
Attachments: 2091 08 07 Letter USACOE & EPA RE-Govt to Govt Consult Clean Water Act Sect 404.pdf; Letter to Shan Lewis.pdf; Gov Lewis Gila River Indian Community ltr response_ (004).docx

Hi Karen,

R9 received a tribal letter requesting EPA begin formal government-to-government consultation on AZ's effort to assume the CWA section 404 program. The RA would like to sign the attached response to the Gila River Indian Community today.

Attached are:

- 1) The incoming request
- 2) Letter to Shane Lewis – response to ITAA request for consultation Dave Ross reviewed
- 3) The proposed response to Gila River - This response tracks the response letter to ITAA (attached pdf to Shane Lewis)

As Dave has already reviewed the ITAA letter, we are hoping someone can check-in with Dave to let him know R9 received the incoming request and that the region intends to respond today using the language in the ITAA letter which states that EPA will consult when we receive an assumption request from AZ and that until then we remain committed to open dialogue with the tribes. We are hopeful we can let the region know, Dave is okay with this approach (and does not need to review the attached letter).

- Thanks, Kathy

From: Hurlid, Kathy
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 3:42 PM
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Hi,

The region received this letter from the Gila River Indian Community requesting that we begin and engage in formal government-to-government consultation on AZ's efforts to assume the CWA section 404 program. Attached is the Region's draft reply that the RA wants to send tomorrow.

This response tracks the response to the ITAA letter sent (last?) month. (attached: Letter to Shane Lewis) .

Knowing OW reviewed and approved the ITAA letter, I'm hoping we don't need to send this to the front office of Water as it will not get back to the RA by tomorrow if we do. But knowing Dave's interest I thought I'd suggest a bullet in the weekly, simply stating R9 received the letter/request and responded using the ITAA letter as a template.

Please let me know how you'd like me to respond to the Region.

- Kathy